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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were approved by the Assembly, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution 58/316 on further measures for the revitalization of the work of the Assembly, decided that in July of each year the General Committee would conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and would also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report would include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,[1] have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision 72/516); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 72/521); Second Committee (decision 72/544); Third Committee (decision 72/536); and Sixth Committee (decision 72/528).

4. With a view to assisting the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-third session. The draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions.

5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly

First week (18–21 September)

Tuesday, 18 September p.m.	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1][2]
	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
Wednesday, 19 September	Meeting of the General Committee
Friday, 21 September	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]

[1] The Fifth Committee has not taken a decision on this matter.

[2] Items and their numbers cited herein are from the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session (A/73/50). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its seventy-third session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the preliminary list but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

Second week (24–28 September)	
Monday, 24 September 9.30 a.m.	Peacebuilding and sustaining peace [67]: Nelson Mandela Peace Summit (resolution 72/243)
Tuesday, 25 September to Saturday, 29 September	General debate [8][3]
Third week (1–5 October)	
Monday, 1 October	General debate [8]
Fourth week (8–12 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday, 8 October	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [110]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday, 10 October	1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [15]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [117]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [123 (a) and (b)]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [124]: *joint debate*
	2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [117]: specific meeting focused on development (resolution 60/265)
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Friday, 12 October	Election of members of the Human Rights Council [114 (d)]
Fifth week (15–19 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday, 17 October p.m.	International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [129]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

[3] As the first item before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

Thursday, 18 October	Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals [133]
	[Development of Africa; Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Friday, 19 October	New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [68 (a) and (b)]; 2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [14]: *joint debate*
Sixth week (22–26 October)	
Wednesday, 24 October	*United Nations Day Concert*
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Thursday, 25 October	Report of the International Court of Justice [76]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Friday, 26 October	Space as a driver of sustainable development [31]
Seventh week (29 October–2 November)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Monday, 29 October	Report of the International Criminal Court [77]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Wednesday, 31 October	Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [43]
	[Promotion of human rights]
Thursday, 1 November	Report of the Human Rights Council [69]
Eighth week (5–9 November)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday, 5 November	Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [15]: *joint debate*
	[Disarmament]

Friday, 9 November	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [90]
Ninth week (12–16 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday, 12 November	Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council [122]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday, 14 November	1. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit [115 (f)]
	2. Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal [115 (i)]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday, 15 November	Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [120]; Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [121]: *joint debate*
Tenth week (19–23 November)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Monday, 19 November	The situation in Afghanistan [40]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday, 21 November	1. Sport for development and peace [12]
	2. Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade [119]
Eleventh week (26–30 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday, 26 November	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [126 (a) to (y)]: *joint debate*
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday, 29 November p.m. to Friday, 30 November a.m. and p.m.	1. Question of Palestine [39]
	2. The situation in the Middle East [38]

Twelfth week (3–7 December)

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Monday, 3 December

Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him [130]

Thirteenth week (10–17 December)

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Tuesday, 11 December

Oceans and the law of the sea [78 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]

Wednesday, 12 December

1. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [10]
2. Culture of peace [16]
3. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order [17]

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Thursday, 13 December

Global health and foreign policy [128]

[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]

Friday, 14 December

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [75 (a) to (c)]: *joint debate*

Monday, 17 December

Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]

Prevention of armed conflict [35 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [37]

The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [41]

Election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [114 (a)]

Election of members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [114 (b)]

Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [114 (c)]

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [115 (e)]

Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal [115 (h)]

(17 December: end of 13 weeks)

Plenary items not scheduled for consideration during the main part of the session

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [6]

Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS [11]

Report of the Security Council [32]

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [33]; Peacebuilding and sustaining peace [67]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund [111]: *joint debate*

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [34]

Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [36]

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [112]

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [113 (a)][4]

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [113 (b)][4]

Appointment of members of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns [115 (g)]

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy [118]

Multilingualism [125]

Plenary items not scheduled for consideration during the seventy-third session, as their inclusion in the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session is subject to any action the Assembly may take on them at its seventy-second session

Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965 [88]

Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy [131]

The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity [132]

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[4] The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/307, decided to conduct the elections of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and the members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, beginning at the seventieth session.